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#### **COUNTY COUNCIL**

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March 25, 2019

TO:

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM:

Kelly T. King

Council Chair

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SR 32, RELATING TO SUPPORTING THE

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GOVERNOR'S EFFORTS IN URGING THE BANK OF AMERICA TO RETURN TO HAWAII TO MEET WITH NA PO'E KOKUA AND THE HAWAII FAIR LENDING COALITION TO REACH A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO A \$150,000,000 LOAN COMMITMENT FOR NATIVE

HAWAIIANS ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to support the Governor's efforts in urging the Bank of America to return to Hawaii to meet with Na Po'e Kokua and the Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition to reach a settlement agreement relating to a \$150,000,000 loan commitment for native Hawaiians on Hawaiian home lands.

I offer this testimony on behalf of the Maui County Council, which adopted Resolution 18-178 at its meeting of November 2, 2018, supporting these efforts. A copy is attached for your reference.

Also attached is a copy of my letter to Ms. Cathy Bessant, Chief Operations and Technology Officer, Bank of America, dated October 5, 2018, urging her good-faith response. To date, Bank of America has not responded to my letter, nor have they responded to Governor Ige's invitation to return to Hawaii to settle this unfulfilled commitment.

I am pleased to see the Hawaii State Senate join the united efforts of Governor Ige and the Maui County Council to help resolve this important issue. It is my hope that Ms. Bessant will view this hearing as an opportunity to respond to questions that are being raised throughout Hawaii concerning this matter.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

# Resolution

<b>No.</b> 18-178
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SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S EFFORTS TO INTERVENE BETWEEN NĀ PO'E KŌKUA, THE HAWAII FAIR LENDING COALITION, AND THE BANK OF AMERICA TO REACH A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO A \$150 MILLION LOAN COMMITMENT FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

WHEREAS, in 1993, Nā Po'e Kōkua (NPK), an organization established to assist native Hawaiians with housing and related matters, formed the Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition (HFLC) and began researching how banks in Hawaii were treating native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, among its findings, HFLC discovered that Bank of America (BofA) was conducting discriminatory lending practices in the form of redlining, the practice of denying services to residents of certain areas based on the racial or ethnic composition of those areas, by not providing mortgages on Hawaiian Home Lands; and

WHEREAS, in May 1994, as a result of HFLC's efforts and as a condition of BofA's acquisition of Liberty Bank, the Federal Reserve System ordered BofA to make \$150 million in FHA-247 mortgages available on Hawaiian Home Lands by 1998; and

WHEREAS, by the 1998 deadline, BofA provided only \$3,109,502 of the \$150 million in FHA-247 mortgages ordered by the Federal Reserve System; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, BofA recommitted to meet the \$150 million loan commitment to native Hawaiians and to pay a \$4.5 million late fee based on the opportunity cost of its failure to fulfill its required commitment; and

WHEREAS, the BofA executive responsible for this recommitment was Catherine P. Bessant, then in charge of Community Development, who traveled to Hawaii with other senior bank executives in August 1998 to meet with Governor Cayetano, Hawaiian kupuna, and other community leaders from NPK/HFLC at Iolani Palace; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Hawaiian Homes Commission unanimously confirmed that the BofA commitment remained unfulfilled, and expressed support for HFLC's consistent and ongoing efforts to hold BofA accountable; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2018, Governor Ige invited Catherine P. Bessant to return to Hawaii for a meeting with NPK/HFLC "to reach a fair and final settlement of BofA's outstanding \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian people on their homelands"; and

WHEREAS, BofA originated \$13,092,314 in loans on Hawaiian Home Lands from 1994-2012, and has made no FHA-247 loans since, according to account information provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) August 20, 2018, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request; and

WHEREAS, based upon HUD data, lost opportunities for building equity and reaping the benefits of a booming housing market, and paying affordable mortgages rather than skyrocketing rents over the last twenty years for 890 native Hawaiian families who should have received BofA mortgages by 1998, but did not, and the families who did receive loans up to 13 years after the deadline, preliminary estimates for BofA's late fees are approximately \$360.6 million; now, therefore,

#### BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

- That it does hereby support the Governor's efforts to intervene 1. between Nä Po'e Kökua, the Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition, and the Bank of America to reach a settlement agreement relating to a \$150 million loan commitment for native Hawaiians on Hawaiian Home Lands, now twenty years overdue; and
- 2. That it urges Catherine P. Bessant to return to Hawaii to meet with NPK/HFLC to reach a fair and final settlement, as invited by Governor Ige; and

- 3. That in addition to providing the mortgages on Hawaiian Home Lands as ordered by the Federal Reserve System, BofA must address the estimated \$360.6 million in lost opportunity costs for native Hawaiians on Hawaiian Home Lands and a \$4.5 million late fee for failing to fulfill its required commitment; and
- 4. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Brian T. Movnihan, Chief Executive Officer, Bank of America; Anne M. Finucane, Vice Chairman, Bank of America; Catherine P. Bessant, Chief Operations and Technology Officer, Bank of America; Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Lael Brainard, Chair of the Committee on Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable United States Senator: Brian Schatz. the Honorable Mazie K. Hirono, United States Senator; the Honorable Alan Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui; the Honorable Mel Rapozo, Chair, Kauai County Council; the Honorable Valerie T. Poindexter, Chair, Hawaii County Council; the Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair, Honolulu City Council; and Kehaulani Filimoe atu. Nā Po e Kōkua/Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.

Department of the Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

2018-1501/2018-1576

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### **COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

**WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793** 

### **CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 18-178 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 2nd day of November, 2018, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Michaol B. WHITE Chair	Robert CARROLL Vice-Chair	Alika ATAY	Eleanora COCHRAN	8. Stacy CRIVELLO	Donald S. GLIZMAN	g. Riki Hokama	Kelly T. KING	Yuki Lei K. Sugimura
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Ауе	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye

COUNTY CLERK

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October 5, 2018

Catherine P. Bessant
Chief Operations and Technology Officer
Bank of America Corporate Center
100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte NC 28255

Aloha Ms. Bessant,

I am writing to let you know that I fully support Hawaii's Governor David Y. Ige in his letter to you dated April 18, 2018. The Governor's letter describes the situation surrounding the unfulfilled \$150 million dollar pledge by Bank of America in 1994 to the FHA loan program. He also requests your presence here in Hawaii to meet with representatives of the Hawaiian community to explain why Bank of America has not honored this commitment from so long ago.

I urge you to respond in good faith, come to Hawaii and meet with Kehau Filimoe'atu, representative for the Hawaiian beneficiaries, and help clarify the situation for all concerned. My office is at your disposal if I can be of any assistance.

Mahalo for your prompt attention to this matter.

Kelly 7. King KELLYY. KING

Councilmember (808) 270-7108

cc: File

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March 25, 2019



TO: Maile S.L. Shimabukuro

Honorable, Chair

FROM: Riki Hokama

Councilmember

DATE:

SUBJECT: Senate Resolution 23 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 45,

RELATING TO Supporting the Governor's Efforts in urging the Bank of America to return to Hawaii to meet with NA PO'E KOKUA and The Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition to reach a settlement agreement relating to a \$150,000,000 Loan Commitment for Native Hawaiians

on Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for hearing the resolutions supporting the Governor's efforts to back Maui based Nā Po'e Kōkua's work with the Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition to reach a settlement agreement with Bank of America.

As someone who has been concerned about this issue for some time, and believes that Bank of America should be held accountable, particularly in light of the housing and economic issues that are facing our County, I support SR 32 and SCR 45.

As you may know, the Maui County Council unanimously passed a similar resolution addressing Bank of America's unfulfilled commitment on November 2, 2018. Though I was not present to vote, I fully supported my fellow council members.

And on March 8, 2019, I voted to recommended that the issue of Bank of America's outstanding \$150 million commitment be referred to the Maui County Council's Government, Ethics and Transparency Committee.

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I am happy to see the Hawaii State Senate, Maui County Council, and Governor uniting in pursuing a fair and final resolution to this important issue, and I hope that Ms. Bessant will see this hearing as an opportunity to respond to questions that are being raised throughout Hawaii about this unfulfilled commitment.

Sincerely,

Riki Hokama

Riki Hokama Maui County Council Member – Lanai Seat Council Chair Kelly T. King

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March 27, 2019



Director of Council Services

Maria E. Zielinski

MEMO TO: Kenekoa Maile Shimabukuro

Luna Hoʻomalu, Ke Kōmike Kuleana Hawaiʻi

F R O M: Tamara Paltin

Councilmember (West Maui District)

SUBJECT: SCR 45 / SR 32 RE: BANK OF AMERICA'S LOAN

**COMMITMENT TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS** 

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important resolution. The purpose of this resolution is to support the Governor's efforts in urging the Bank of America to return to Hawai'i to meet with the Nā Po'e Kōkua and the Hawai'i Fair Lending Coalition to reach a settlement agreement relating to a \$150,000,000 loan commitment for Native Hawaiians on Hawaiian Home Lands.

Previously, I sent a letter to Ms. Catherine P. Bessant, the Chief Operations & Technology Officer of Bank of America. I have attached it here for your review as it further supports the efforts being made by this resolution and the Governor.

Attachment

December

Catherine P. Bessant Chief Operations and Technology Officer Bank of America 100 North Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28255

Dear Ms. Bessant:

I am writing to you in support of Governor David Y. Ige's invitation to you to come to Hawai'i — as the Bank of America executive who recommitted to the \$150 million in FHA-247 loans in 1998 — to meet with Kchau Filimoe'atu of Nā Po'e Kōkua / Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition (NPK/HFLC) "in order to reach a fair and final settlement of Bank of America's outstanding \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian people on their homelands."

As a Council Member-elect to the 2019 Maui County Council, which will be predominantly Native Hawaiian, I was very pleased that the current Maui County Council passed a Resolution on November 2<sup>nd</sup> strongly supporting Governor Ige's invitation, and specifically stating: "in addition to providing the mortgages on Hawaiian Homelands as ordered by the Federal Reserve System that BofA must address the estimated \$360.6 million in lost opportunity costs for Native Hawaiians..."

This issue is of particular importance to me, given my priorities regarding housing and economic opportunities for Native Hawaiians.

According to responsive information from HUD on all FHA-247 lending from 1994 onwards, Bank of America has originated just over \$13 million in FHA-247 loans since 1994, far short of the \$150 million ordered by federal banking regulators. During that time, hundreds of Hawaiian families have missed out on the opportunity to build equity, reap the benefits of a booming housing market, and to pay an affordable mortgage rather than skyrocketing rents over the last twenty years.

While I understand that Bank of America finally began communicating about a meeting with the Governor's office in October—I have not heard of any steps toward a sit-down between you and Kehau Filimoe'atu. Furthermore, this minimal response from BofA is taking place six months after Governor Ige sent you an invitation where he explicitly asked that the meeting be held by August 10, 2018, the date marking the 20-year anniversary of you making this re-commitment on behalf of Bank of America and agreeing to a late fee. I also understand that while Bank of America employees have responded to some sitting Council Members, others have been ignored. And though Council Members have requested follow up information, so far none has been provided.

While I await your reply and concrete steps by BofA, I will be working with my colleagues in January to review additional options for ensuring that BofA works with Nā Po'e Kōkua to reach a fair and final settlement that honors the commitments that Bank of America made to federal banking regulators for the benefit of the Hawaiian people.

In the meantime, I look forward to hearing any plans you have to respond to requests from leaders in our state.

Sincerely,

Tamara Paltin

Council Member-Elect

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<u>SR-32</u> Submitted on: 3/13/2019 4:38:22 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Testifying for Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucu	Support	No

Comments:

**SR-32** 

Submitted on: 3/24/2019 3:08:22 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Shook	Testifying for Founder Women's March	Support	No

#### Comments:

stimony in support of Senate Resolution 32 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 45 SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S EFFORTS IN URGING THE BANK OF AMERICA TO RETURN TO HAWAII TO MEET WITH NA PO'E KOKUA AND THE HAWAII FAIR LENDING COALITION TO REACH A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO A \$150,000,000 LOAN COMMITMENT FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair Hearing Date Thursday, March 28, 2019 1:15pm in Room 016 Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee: Thank you for hearing the resolutions supporting the Governor's efforts to reach a settlement agreement with Bank of America. I strongly support SR 32 and SCR 45. As a resident of Hana and the original founder of the national Women's March, I am particularly concerned about home ownership among Hawaiians, women, and members of my community. In fact, last October, I wrote to Cathy Bessant, Chief Operations and Technology Officer of Bank of America, urging her to come to Hawaii to meet with Kehau Filimoe`atu, President of NA

Po`e KA

kua (NPK) to reach a fair and final settlement of Bank of America's unfulfilled \$150 Million commitment, as requested by Governor David Ige last April. Unfortunately, I received no response from anyone at Bank of America. Given this lack of communication, I hope to see Ms. Bessant at the Hawaiian Affairs Committee hearing so that she can respond to questions that are being raised throughout Hawaii about this unfulfilled commitment. And finally, I am very proud of the Hawaii State Senate, Maui County Council, and Governor for taking a united stance in ensuring that Bank of America do the right thing. Sincerely, Teresa Shook

#### My letter to BOA:

Teresa A. Shook P.O. Box 488 Hana, HI 96713 October 17, 2018 Ms. Catherine P. Bessant Chief Operations and Technology Officer Bank of America 100 North Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28255 Dear Ms. Bessant: I am the original founder of the Women's March and I live in Hana, Maui. As a longtime resident of this small, remote community, which is predominantly of Hawaiian descent, I can attest to the difficulty of home ownership here in Hana and elsewhere on Maui and the Hawaii Islands. Because of the cost, many Hawaiians are unable to purchase homes on the land where they live. This in and of itself is outrageous. More outrageous is Bank of American's failure to honor its

commitment. Single women with families are especially impacted. As a woman who is dedicated to empowering women, you should care about the commitment Bank of America made to the federal banking regulators for the benefit of the Hawaiian people. Sadly, the 20th anniversary of the deadline for this commitment has come and gone. Hawaiian families have missed the opportunity to build equity, reap the benefits of a booming housing market and to pay an affordable mortgage rather than skyrocketing rents. It is time for the Bank of America to sit down with Na Po'e Kokua and reach a fair and final settlement that honors the original commitment and is fair to the Hawaiian people. Please do the right thing. Regards, Teresa A. Shook Founder Women's March

<u>SR-32</u> Submitted on: 3/27/2019 12:53:09 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Kehaulani Filimoe`atu	Testifying for Na Po'e Kokua	Support	Yes	

Comments:



## O'ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair Senator Kaiali`l Kahele, Vice Chair

La/DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2019
Hola/TIME: 1:15 p.m.
Wahi/PLACE: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

RE: SCR 45 / SR 32

To the Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair; the Honorable Kaiali`i Kahele, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Melodie Aduja and I serve as Chair of the O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i ("DPH"). Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony on SCR 45 and SR 32. The O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee hereby submits its testimony in SUPPORT of SCR 45 and SR 32, Relating to the Bank of America \$150,000,000 Loan Commitment for Native Hawaiian Home Lands.

SCR 45 and SR 32 support the Governor's efforts in urging the Bank of America to return to Hawai`i to meet with Na Po`e Kokua and the Hawai`i Fair Lending Coalition to reach a settlement agreement relating to a \$150,000,000 loan commitment for Native Hawaiian Home Lands.

In 1993, Na Po'e Kokua, an organization established to assist native Hawaiians with housing and related matters, formed the Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition (HFLC) and began researching how banks in Hawaii were treating native Hawaiians; and HFLC discovered that Bank of America was conducting discriminatory lending practices in the form of redlining, the practice of denying services to residents of certain areas based on the racial or ethnic composition of those areas, by not providing mortgages on Hawaiian homelands. In May 1994, as a result of HFLC's efforts and as a condition of Bank of America's acquisition of Liberty Bank, the Federal Reserve System and Office of Thrift Supervision ordered Bank of America to make \$150,000,000 in Federal Housing Administration section 247 (FHA-247) mortgages available on Hawaiian

homelands by 1998. The amount of the outstanding balance of the \$150,000,00 loan commitment remains at issue. SCR 45 and SR 32 provide a significant step towards its resolution.

Native Hawaiians are the indigenous people of Hawai'i and deserve a just relationship with the State and Federal Governments. DPH supports the growth of Native Hawaiian . . . healing practices. It values and wishes to foster the preservation of our host culture. DPH supports the efforts of Native Hawaiians to pursue self-determination. DPH also supports their right to pursue the international rights of Native Hawaiian people.

DPH acknowledges the past injustices and the misguided, harmful Federal and State policies and actions based on outdated and discredited values and beliefs that resulted in the destruction of the Hawaiian Nation's economies, social, and religious systems, the taking of their lands, and the creation of intergenerational trauma that exists to this day. DPH believes that we have a moral and profound duty to honor, respect, and uphold our sacred obligation to the Hawaiian Nation State and the Hawaiian people.

DPH also supports efforts for self-governance and self-determination of Native Hawaiians whose values are the foundation of the Hawaiian Islands. DPH supports proactive actions by the Federal and State governments to enhance Native Hawaiian culture, health, language, and education. We recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices made in service to our county by Native Hawaiians.

DPH supports the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs. *Democratic Party of Hawai`i Platform* (2018), p. 15, In. 32-50.

We support the construction and use of micro housing units on Hawaiian home lands approved by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and leased to Native Hawaiian beneficiaries who meet the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement, notwithstanding county zoning laws. We support multi-level housing in Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and agribusinesses for Native Hawaiians by creating ag-tech zones to promote agricultural innovation and diversify the State's agricultural systems for domestic consumption and export. *Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform (2018)*, p. 16, In. 6-11.

For the foregoing reasons, i.e. to value and foster the preservation of our host culture and to honor, respect, and uphold our sacred obligation to the Hawaiian Nation State and the Hawaiian people and to provide just and due housing due to them, OCCLP supports SCR 45 and SR 32, and urges its passage out of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Mahalo nui loa Me ka `oia`i`o

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Pu'uhonua Bumpy Kanahele Head of State, Nation of Hawai'i Email: puuhonua 13@gmail.com

March 27, 2019

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

**Hearing:** Thursday, March 28, 2019, 1:15 p.m.

#### Testimony in **Strong Support** of SCR 45 / SR 32

Aloha, Senator Shimabukuro, Senator Kahele and members of the committee on Hawaiian Affairs committee for this opportunity. My name is Pu'uhonua Bumpy Kanahele and I am the Head of State for the Nation of Hawai'i. I am here today, to testify in *strong support* of SCR 45 and SR 32. I have been involved in the Bank of America unfulfilled \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian community for over 25 years.

My testimony includes excerpts of reports on Bank of America's commitment to the Waimanalo neighborhood board with some responses from Micah Kane, who was the DHHL Chair at that time. In 2007, the Lingle administration sent a letter to Bank of America, stating that the \$150 million commitment had been fulfilled.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003 Dennis Bumpy Kanahele, Chief Executive Officer of Aloha First, reported that the genesis of Bank of America's \$150 million commitment to financing the native Hawaiian community originated in December 1993, based upon strong evidence with the bank practice of discriminating against Hawaiians and Filipinos. The Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition proceeded to formally protest Bank of America's application to the Office of Thrift Supervision for regulatory approval to merge with Liberty Bank. The protest resulted in a six-month delay of regulatory approval of the merger. One of the conditions for the merger was for Bank of America to carry out their \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian Community in four-year period from July 1994 to June 1998. To this date, Bank of America has given only \$30 million thereby the bank has reneged on its \$150 million commitment. However, Kanahele noted that in 1998, his business partner Ian Chan Hodges reached an agreement with NationsBank regarding support for the creation of the Native Hawaiian Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). NationsBank (and its successors) have agreed to do the following:

a minimum of \$1 million invested in the Native Hawaiian CDFI and up to \$3.5 million with matching funds; \$125,000 in organizing grants; in-kind professional assistance as requested; and NationsBank/Bank of America travel to Hawaii for a meeting with CDFI organizers, Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and the Governor.

#### Discussion followed:

- (1) Chair W. Ho noted that in the chart distributed by Kanahele under Office of the Comptroller of Currency (OCC), it stated that as of December 3, 2002, the bank claims have to have financed \$114 million in financing the Hawaiian Community. Kanahele replied that the bank has given only \$30 million.
- (2) Kanahele noted that the Hawaiian Community is the richest in assets but poorest in terms of their economic condition. Kanahele asked the Board and community to support the \$150 million project. Department of Hawaiian Homelands Director Micah Kane will follow up on it.
- (3) Spencer noted that Waimanalo has been designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) thereby making the community eligible for housing assistance. Spencer suggested that the Board write a letter to the Office of the Comptroller of Currency (OCC). Spencer further stated that the Native Hawaiians are medically underserved thus their health conditions are even worse than third world nations.

On June 9, 2003 Micah Kane stated that the Department of Hawaiian Homelands would work with Bumpy Kanahele to have Bank of America fund their \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian Community.

On <u>JULY 14, 2003</u> Micah Kane reported that the Department of Hawaiian Homelands is working to have Bank of America to fulfill their \$150 million commitment to Native Hawaiians

On <u>AUGUST 11, 2003</u> **Bumpy distributed** an article written by Kahilihiwa Kipapa stating that Bank of America can show their Aloha by fulfilling its \$150 million commitment to Native Hawaiians.

#### On SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 Bumpy Kanahele reported the following:

(1) Bank of America is in its fifth year of default of its commitment to provide \$150 million for Native Hawaiians including \$4.5 million as seed money to establish a Native Hawaiian-owned bank. Having Native Hawaiians united as business partners will more than anything else give Native Hawaiians economic independence. In addition, he is compiling documents that could be used to press criminal charges against Bank of America.

#### On OCTOBER 13, 2003 Dennis Bumpy Kanahele reported the following:

(1) On September 13, 2003, Aloha First and Na Kupuna o Maui filed a complaint against Bank of America with the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Hawaii. The complaint pointed out Bank of America's interference, coercion, intimidation, threatening and retaliation in efforts of holding them accountable in fulfilling their \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian people including (as evidence) spending \$45,000 to establish a financial literacy program as a payoff (hush money).

On NOVEMBER 10, 2003 Dennis Bumpy Kanahele reported the following: that after working well with Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Director Micah Kane, DHHL is now working behind the scenes with Bank of America where it has not fulfilled their \$150 million of obligations to Native Hawaiians. DHHL is working with the bottom level of Bank of America while the Nation of Hawaii has been dealing with the bank's regional boss.

One of the senior officials at DHHL is a former employee of Bank of America who has been trying to eliminate the proposed Hawaiian-owned bank from the beginning. Whenever there is a bank merger occurring, there is a window of opportunity for public input. Bank of America is planning to spend \$47 billion to acquire Fleet Bank of Boston.

It was nine years earlier that Nation of Hawaii as well as other groups and organizations blocked another Bank of America merger with Liberty Bank and Nations Bank for at least three months.

Bank of America is under pressure to make backroom deals with the State. Kanahele implored both Kane and to the Lingle Administration not to sell out by not making any backroom deals with Bank of America. Kanahele concluded that DHHL does not have the experience, motivation or standing to fully secure Bank of America's \$150 million commitment as a potential source of wealth for the Hawaiian people. DHHL must fulfill this commitment now. Kanahele noted that the Hawaiians are the manifestation of the Aloha Spirit.

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Micah Kane reported the following: (1) In response to Kanahele's report, Kane clarified his position by stating that as DHHL's Director, he does not object to the establishment of a Hawaiian-owned bank. Kane noted that he has held a meeting with the State Attorney General Mark Bennett, Deputy State Attorney General Richard Bissen and a Bank of America representative, to establish a legal framework to have Bank of America fulfill their \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian people.

Discussion followed: (1) Spencer asked if the legal framework includes fees. Kane replied that the previous framework did not include specifics. Spencer asked Kane if he would be an advocate of a Hawaiian-owned bank. Kane could not give a definitive answer. Spencer suggested that Kanahele should be at the same negotiating table as Kane when dealing with Bank of America. (2) Lucy Akau noted that Waianae Homesteaders are forming their own credit union. (3) Kevin Andrews commented that Kane's job as DHHL Director is to find monies to place Hawaiians on Homestead Lands. Spencer stated that she has waited fifteen years to move into Hawaiian Homestead land. (4) Jamila noted that Kane as DHHL Director, Kane was not in a position to give any details regarding talks with Bank of America representatives. Jamila further commented that when Lingle was elected Governor more than a year ago, he asked Lingle to send a Governor's representative to attend the Board meetings on a regular basis, little did he know that the Governor's representative to this Board would be the DHHL Director Micah Kane.

On <u>JANUARY 12, 2004</u>: Dennis Bumpy Kanahele stated his strong disapproval to Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Director Kane stating that at DHHL's meeting held on December 15, 2003 where the DHHL Commissioners admitted that they did not approve nor knew about Bank of America's \$150 million commitment to Native Hawaiians. At the meeting, it was reported that DHHL Kane mentioned the following "I didn't think I had to go to the commissioners for any approval" and that "its in the Attorney General's hands, he'll go for the throat."

With DHHL Commissioners not consulted on Bank of America's \$150 million commitment to Native Hawaiians, Kanahele called for Kane's resignation. Kane confirmed that he made these statements at the DHHL's December 15, 2003 meeting.

As mentioned earlier, Dennis Bumpy Kanahele reported that at the State Department of Hawaiian Homelands' (DHHL) Community Meeting held on December 15, 2003 held at Blanche Pope Elementary School, DHHL Commissioners admitted that they did not approve nor knew about Bank of America's \$150 million commitment to Native Hawaiians. At the meeting, it was reported that DHHL Kane mentioned the following "I didn't think I had to go to the commissioners for any approval" and that "its in the Attorney General's hands, he'll go for the throat."

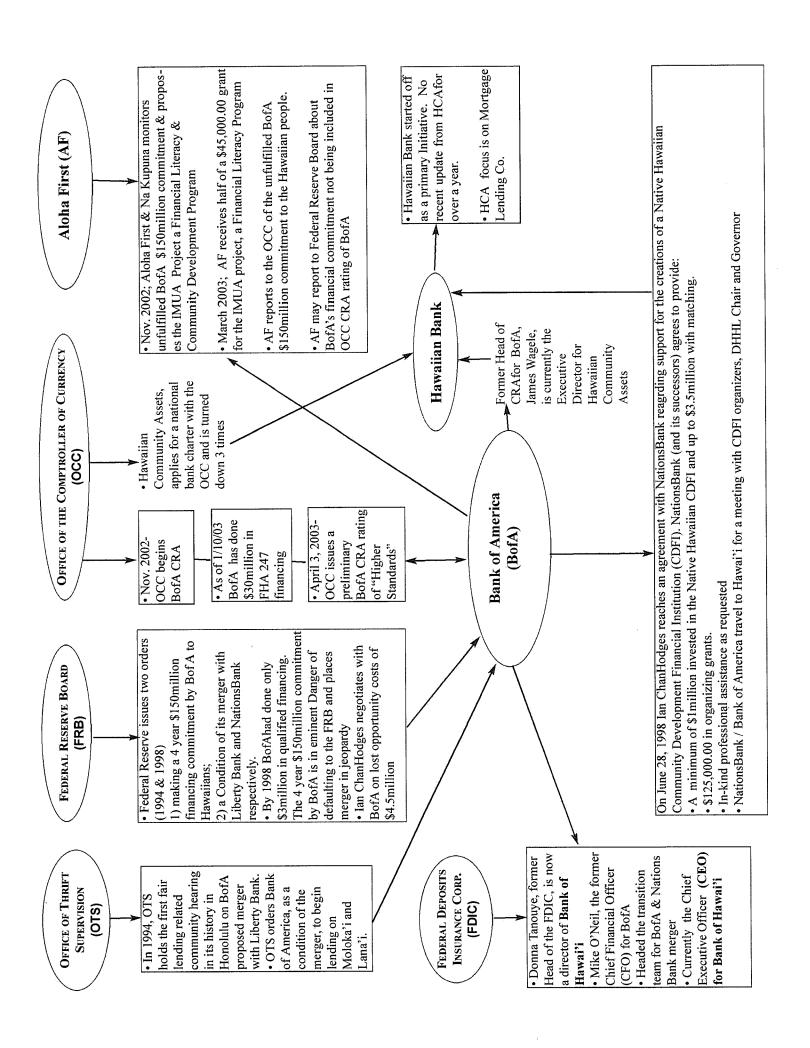
At the following DHHL Commissioners meeting held on December 16, 2003, Kanahele approached DHHL Commissioners Contrades and Kaalele who reaffirmed their lack of knowledge nor understanding of Bank of America's \$150 million commitment to Native Hawaiians. He reported that DHHL's Deputy Director Ben Henderson asked Kanahele if he could receive further information on Bank of America's commitment. Kanahele further mentioned that Kauai County filed their intervention for Bank of America's \$30 million commitment towards affordable housing for Kauai County. Kanahele noted that United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Under Secretary Michael Liu and Manuel Nova of DHHL, both employees of Bank of America prior to their current government positions, who are opposed to a Native Hawaiian Owned Bank.

On <u>FEBRUARY 9, 2004</u> Dennis Bumpy Kanahele reported the following: (1) The Nation of Hawaii has filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court, District of Hawaii against the United States Federal Reserve Board seeking an Injunctive Relief to Blocking the Federal Reserve from approving the merger of Bank of America and FleetBoston until Bank of America fulfills their \$150 million commitment to Native Hawaiians as they promised to do years ago. Kanahele mentioned that at last month's meeting, he reported that DHHL Director Micah Kane acted to negotiate with Bank of America representatives without consulting the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Kanahele noted that some of the individuals working at DHHL are former Bank of America employees.

On MARCH 8, 2004 Steve Tayama reported that the Federal Reserve Board has issued an order approving Bank of America's application to acquire FleetBoston Financial. The order dealt extensively with Bank of America's \$150 million commitment to the State Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL). The order states that Bank of America's action are being "coordinated with the DHHL." It is these "coordinated actions" that has gotten Bank of America off the hook regarding its \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian people. One of action was a letter by DHHL Director Micah Kane stating that he was writing on behalf of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC). The Waimanalo Neighborhood Board should be aware that Mr. Kane was not writing on behalf of HHC. State law requires the concurrence of a majority of all the commissioners to which HHC is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the Commission valid. At no time has Mr. Kane mentioned Bank of America's \$150 million commitment to the HHC nor has this item appeared on HHC's meeting agenda, as is required by law prior to any commission action.

Kane's actions has obstructed the chances of establishing a Native Hawaiian-owned Bank, therefore the Nation of Hawaii is calling on Kane to resign as DHHL Director. Tayama further stated that the Nation of Hawaii is asking the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for a judicial review of the Federal Reserve's order.

. Bottom line is Lingle's Administration let Bank of America off the hook illegally.



To: Christopher D. Young Deputy Attorney General 333 Queen Street 10th floors Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

On September 12, 2003, on behalf of Aloha First and Na Kupuna o Maui, we filed a complaint (see attachment 1) with U.S. Attorney's office in Honolulu which, among other matters of grave concern, stated that there was "reason to fear that, without the consent of the majority of its commissioners, the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands may be acting in collusion with Bank of America or acting under inducement from Bank of America in an attempt to take the Hawaiian property right to Bank of America's commitment and make it property of the state while forgoing full efforts to secure this valuable right as a source of wealth for the Hawaiian community."

(See <a href="http://starbulletin.com/2003/09/13/news/story6.html">http://starbulletin.com/2003/09/13/news/story6.html</a> for a story in the Honolulu Star Bulletin on the filing of this complaint)

On November 23, 2003, the 10th anniversary of the signing into law of the Apology Bill, I wrote an op/ed for the business section of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin asking the Lingle Administration to apologize for working to let Bank of America off the hook.

(see http://starbulletin.com/2003/11/23/business/bizcol.html#jump for the full op/ed)

On January 9, 2004, documents were provided by Mr. Robert Frierson, Associate Secretary to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, which included letters from Bank of America Community Development Group President Doug Woodruff and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Chairman Micah Kane. We received copies of the letters which are attached (see attachment 2). In the past week, certain facts regarding these letters were confirmed and we have reason to believe the information contained therein provides evidence that Mr. Micah Kane, Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, did in fact, without the knowledge or consent of the majority of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, act in collusion with Bank of America and/or act under inducement from Bank of America in an attempt to take the Hawaiian property right to Bank of America's commitment and make it property of the state while forgoing full efforts to secure this valuable right as a source of wealth for the Hawaiian community."

We have reason to believe that Mr. Kane and Mr. Woodruff colluded in writing these letters to the Federal Reserve Board – two of which were written on December 15, 2003. In his letter to the Federal Reserve Board, Mr. Kane claimed to be writing on behalf of the Hawaiian Home Lands Commission and made specific requests on behalf of the Commission regarding Bank of America's Hawaiian commitment.

In fact, Mr. Kane was not writing on behalf of the Hawaiian Home Lands Commission. Hawaii law requires "the concurrence of a majority of all the members to which the commission is entitled shall be necessary to make any action of the commission valid." (Hawaii Administrative Rules §10-2-5 [Eff 7/30/81; am and comp 10/26/98] (Auth: HHC Act §222; HRS §92-15) (Imp: HHC Act §202; HRS §92-15)) Mr. Kane has at no time brought the issue of Bank of America's \$150 million commitment before the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Nor has this issue appeared as an item on the commission's meeting agenda, as is required by law for any action of the Commission.

In fact, on the day that Mr. Kane and Mr. Woodruff wrote to the Federal Reserve Board, I spoke at DHHL's community meeting and asked if any of the commissioners had been consulted regarding Bank of America's commitment. The answer from each commissioner was no. The following day, I appeared before the commissions regularly scheduled meeting and raised the issue again (see minutes in attachment 3) and received the same response.

Mr. Kane's actions "under the color of law" in claiming to be acting on behalf of the commission while entering into agreements with Bank of America which have impinged upon native Hawaiian civil rights, violated state administrative rules and resulted in the reduction in the value of Hawaiian property rights, obtained under the protection of the Fair Housing Act, of tens of millions of dollars. In Mr. Kane's December 15, 2003 letter to the Federal Reserve Board, he stated that during "a meeting between DHHL and BoA held on November 6, 2003, BoA agreed that only \$69,391,673 will be counted towards the \$150 million commitment, thereby leaving \$80,608,327 to be fulfilled." However, only FHA-247 loans qualify under the commitment and in a January 2003 letter to Na Kupuna o Maui and myself (see attachment 4), Mr. Woodruff wrote that through December 31, 2002, Bank of America had "originated nearly \$30 million in Hula Mae and FHA 247 loans." This left \$120 million outstanding, which is what Na Kupuna o Maui and Aloha First are seeking to secure as a valuable property right and source of wealth for the Hawaiian people.

In an effort to seek immediate relief, native Hawaiian plaintiffs filed suit against the Federal Reserve Board in federal court. This lawsuit received national news coverage. One national AP story can be found at the link below:

http://starbulletin.com/2004/02/19/business/story5.html

Without the knowledge or approval of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Mr. Kane released Bank of America from \$39 million of its commitment to the Hawaiian people. In addition, Mr. Kane's agreement with Bank of America regarding its \$150 million commitment to Hawaiians, as outlined in the letters that he and Mr. Woodruff sent via the U.S. mails to the Federal Reserve Board, were intended by Bank of America to result in a substantial weakening of the commitment to the Hawaiian people. Acting under color of law, Mr. Kane was complicit and an accomplice in Bank of America's attempt to achieve this objective.

Therefore, we urge the Criminal Division of the state Attorney General's office to conduct a full investigation into these matters. When the Attorney General's office was called yesterday, this was the action that was recommended. In additional, we have reason to believe that it is necessary for state Attorney General Mark Bennett recuse himself from this investigation as he played a role in key meetings between Micah Kane and Bank of America. Finally, we urge that Governor Linda Lingle require Mr. Kane to take a leave of absence from his position as Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands until such time as the investigation is completed.

Sincerely, Pu'uhonua D. K. Bumpy Kanahele Nation of Hawai'i PO Box 312 Waimanalo, HI. 96795 Phone: 808-259-9018

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<u>SR-32</u> Submitted on: 3/12/2019 3:53:32 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

### Comments:

I support SR32 to help out our Hawaiian homeland beneficiaries.

<u>SR-32</u> Submitted on: 3/20/2019 7:14:30 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Stephanie Austin	Individual	Support	No	1

#### Comments:

Please support this important measure. It is long overdue, and certainly Bank of America can afford to keep its commitments!

<u>SR-32</u> Submitted on: 3/20/2019 2:40:25 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Raul Nohea Goodness	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

<u>SR-32</u> Submitted on: 3/20/2019 5:10:57 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

## Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Senate Resolution 32 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 45

#### COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 28, 2019 1:15pm Room 016

E ka Luna Ho'omalu Shimabukuro, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalu Kahele, a me nā Kuleana Hawai'i o kēia Kōmike, aloha!

My name is Carmen Hulu Lindsey, and I am a Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the island of Maui, testifying in my personal capacity. Mahalo for the chance to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SR32 and SCR45, which urges Bank of America to return to Hawai'i to meet with Nā Po'e Kōkua and the Hawai'i Fair Lending Coalition ("HFLC") to reach a settlement agreement relating to Bank of America's \$150 million loan commitment to Native Hawaiians on Hawaiian homelands, **twenty years overdue**. Bank of America has failed to fulfill its commitment to make \$150 million in Federal Housing Administration section 247 ("FHA 247") mortgages available on Hawaiian Home Lands. FHA 247 loans were specifically meant for low- and moderate-income Native Hawaiians to purchase homes on Hawaiian Home Lands.

In 1993, HFLC discovered that Bank of America was conducting discriminatory lending practices in the form of redlining. Redlining denied services to residents of certain areas based on racial or ethnic composition of those areas, by not providing mortgages on Hawaiian Home Lands. In May 1994, because of HFLC's efforts and as a condition of Bank of America's acquisition of Liberty Bank, the Federal Reserve System ordered Bank of America to make \$150 million in FHA 247 mortgages available on Hawaiian Home Lands by 1998.

In 1998, Bank of America recommitted to meet the \$150 million loan to Native Hawaiians and to pay a \$4.5 million late fee based on the opportunity cost of its failure to fulfill it required commitment. From the data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), Bank of America originated only 106 residential mortgage loans since 1994 for a total of 13,092,314 and has made no FHA 247 loans since then. This is less than 10% of Bank of America's previous commitment.

In 2012, the Hawaiian Homes Commission simultaneously confirmed that Bank of America's commitment remained unfulfilled and expressed support for HFLC's consistent and ongoing efforts to hold Bank of America accountable. Today, when late fees are computed and lending amounts still due are calculated, loan obligations statewide total \$227.8 million in today's dollars statewide. HUD also calculated the lost opportunities for building equity, lost opportunities that would have come via the benefits of a booming housing market, and payment affordable mortgages rather than skyrocketing rents over the last twenty years for 890 Native Hawaiian families who should have received Bank of America mortgages and for families who received

loans up to 13 years after the deadline. Preliminary estimates for Bank of America's late fees are come out to approximately \$360.6 million.

In September 2018, I sent a letter to Cathy Bessant, Chief Operations and Technology Officer of Bank of America, in support of Governor Ige's invitation to Ms. Bessant urging her to return to Hawaii to meet with Nā Po'e Kōkua to reach a "fair and final settlement" of Bank of America's unfulfilled \$150 million commitment for the betterment of the Native Hawaiian people (See Appendix A: Lindsey Letter to Bessant).

On October 18, 2018, Andrew Plepler, Global Environmental, Social, and Governance Executive of Bank of America replied to my letter on behalf of Ms. Bessant, claiming that Bank of America had fulfilled the commitment and further claiming that Bank of America had "recently spen[t] considerable time reviewing once again the history and records…" (See Appendix B: Plepler Letter to Lindsey)

On October 23, 2018, I wrote back to Mr. Plepler, noting that his claim that the \$150 million commitment had been fulfilled is contradicted by HUD records (See Appendix C: Lindsey Letter to Plepler). I also explained to Mr. Plepler that I could not find Bank of America's review of the documents he referenced meaningful unless he made the documents available to me. I requested verification of his claims by October 31, 2018. Since then, I have received no further communication from Mr. Plepler or Ms. Bessant.

Hawai'i faces as intractable affordable housing crisis, including the challenges of homelessness. Unfortunately, Native Hawaiians represent a significant proportion of our state's houseless and underhoused populations, with 42% of 7,921 homeless individuals identifying as Native Hawaiian.<sup>2</sup>

Additionally, the State of Hawai'i formally assumes the duties of a trustee for Native Hawaiian homestead beneficiaries through its oversight of Hawaiian Home Lands. The State is held to the highest order toward Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries and is judged in according to the same strict standards as those set for a trustee for a private trust. The State's trust duties include (1) the obligation to administer the trust solely in the interest of the beneficiary, and (2) the use of reasonable skill and care to make trust property productive.<sup>3</sup> In 2016, according to DHHL, approximately 8,000 households resided on the Hawaiian home lands, but nearly three times as many (22,000) were on the waiting list for a residential lease.<sup>4</sup> Therefore, it is in Bank of America's interest to accept the State's invitation to ensure that the State is meeting its overall goal in allowing traditionally underserved Native Hawaiian communities to get loans.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A letter written in May 2012 by former chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Alapaki Nahalea contended that the correspondence produced in 2007, where a deputy chairman acknowledged fulfillment of the lending commitment, had been unauthorized. *See* Allan Parachini, *Hawaii Pushes Bank of America to Resolve Multimillion-Dollar Dispute*, HONOLULU CIVIL BEAT, (Mar. 21, 2019), https://www.civilbeat.org/2019/03/hawaii-pushes-bank-of-america-to-resolve-multimillion-dollar-dispute/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Kristen Corey, et al., *Housing Needs of Native Hawaiians*, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, (May 2017), https://www.huduser.gov/portal/pdredge/pdr-edge-research-072417.html.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ahuna v. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, 64 Haw. 327, 340, 640 P.2d 1161, 1169 (1982).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Corey, supra note 2.

I am gratified to see that the Hawai'i State Senate and Governor are coming together in holding Bank of America accountable to the people of Hawai'i. Given the lack of substantive communication from Bank of America, I strongly encourage Ms. Bessant to attend the Hawaiian Affairs Committee hearing and respond to questions that are being raised throughout Hawai'i about this unfulfilled commitment towards our Native Hawaiians and other underrepresented populations.

Sincerely,

Carmen Hulu Lindsey Maui Trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

#### Appendix A: Lindsey Letter to Bessant September 27, 2018

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STATE OF HAWAI'I OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS 711 KAPI'OLANI BOULEVARD, SUITE 500 HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200 Honolulu. Hawai'i 96817

September 27, 2018

Catherine P. Bessant Chief Operations and Technology Officer Bank of America 100 North Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28255

Dear Ms. Bessant:

I am writing to you in support of Governor David Y. Ige's invitation to you to come to Hawai'i to meet with Nā Po'e Kōkua (NPK) "in order to reach a fair and final settlement of Bank of America's outstanding \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian people on their homelands."

In 1994, as a condition of Bank of America's acquisition of Liberty Bank, the Federal Reserve ordered BofA to provide \$150 million in FHA-247 mortgages -- loans on Hawaiian Home Lands -- within four years. Because Bank of America only provided \$3,109,502 by the deadline, BofA recommitted to meeting the \$150 million in FHA-247 loans and to pay a \$4.5 million late fee (in the form of support for a Native Hawaiian Bank) in 1998 based on the opportunity cost of its failure to fulfill its commitment.

I understand that you are the key executive who made that recommitment in person to our people and our kūpuna in 1998.

Sadly, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deadline for this commitment has come and gone and hundreds of Hawaiian families have missed out on the opportunity to build equity, reap the benefits of a booming housing market, and to pay an affordable mortgage rather than skyrocketing rents over the last twenty years.

Along with the Governor and many others who are charged with the responsibility for serving the people in our community, I agree that it is time for you to sit down with Nā Po'e Kōkua and reach a fair and final settlement that honors the commitments that Bank of America made to federal banking regulators for the benefit of the Hawaiian people.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Maui Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs September 27, 2018 Page 2

I would also be interested in seeing any documentation that you have regarding FHA-247 loans originated by Bank of America since 1994.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Aloha,

Carmen Hulu Lindsey

Maui Trustee

#### Appendix B: Plepler Letter to Lindsey October 18, 2018



Mr. Andrew Plepler Global Environmental, Social and Governance Executive Bank of America 100 North Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28255

October 18, 2018

Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey Maui Trustee 560 N. Nimitz Highway, Suite 200 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Trustee Lindsey,

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 27, 2018, addressed to Catherine Bessant, a copy of which is attached.

This matter dates back to the 1990's and has a long history. Please know that in 2007, we received confirmation from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands that we delivered \$150 million in community development activity in Hawaii. However, as result of several recent inquiries on this topic, and out of respect for those who have questioned this activity, we have recently spent considerable time reviewing once again the history and records related to our community development lending and investments.

As part of this recent review, we have examined reports and spreadsheets documenting our progress. We have also reviewed records and correspondence dating back to 1998, including correspondence with the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Please know that we do understand there were challenges along the way, but through collaboration with the community and with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, we were able to exceed \$150 million in community development lending and investment.

We responded in writing to Governor Ige's letter on May 18, 2018. At the Governor's suggestion, we have spoken with Mr. Billy Oku Jr. in his office and plan to set a meeting with the Governor's office and with community leaders. In the meantime, if you would like further detail on the findings from the review we conducted or on our activities, we would be happy to discuss and can schedule a phone call.

I can be reached at Andrew.Plepler@bankofamerica.com or 980.386.9127.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Plepler

#### Appendix C: Lindsey Letter to Plepler October 23, 2018

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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS 560 N. NIMITZ HWY., SUITE 200 HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96817

October 23, 2018

#### Dear Mr. Plepler:

Thank you for your letter of October 18, 2018. I am aware of the long history related to the four year "commitment of \$150 million to the FHA 247 loan program" that Bank of America made to federal banking regulators in 1994. I appreciate that you have reviewed spreadsheets, records, and correspondence. However, I ask that you respect that as a trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, I cannot find your review of these documents meaningful unless you make the documents to which you refer available to me. Since you offered further detail on the findings from the review Bank of America conducted, I respectfully ask that you provide me with copies of the reports and spreadsheets that you refer to in your letter by October 31, 2018.

In addition, I am unclear as to why your letter ignores the fact that the so called "confirmation" letter that Bank of America received in 2007 was "signed off" on without the approval of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. This fact was made very clear in a letter from then-Hawaiian Homes Commission Chair Alapaki Nahale-a to Kehau Filimoe'atu, which Governor Ige included in his April letter to Cathy Bessant.

Additionally, according to responsive information from HUD on all FHA-247 lending from 1994 onwards, Bank of America has originated just over \$13 million in FHA-247 loans since 1994, far short of the \$150 million ordered by federal banking regulators. On October 9, 2018, Kehau Filimoe'atu provided Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan with a copy of HUD's documentation of historical FHA-247 lending. If you have documentation of additional FHA-247 loans that HUD is unaware of, please email those documents to me immediately.

In your letter, you also state that you plan to set a meeting with the Governor's office and community leaders. I understand that Bank of America did not communicate with the Governor's office about a meeting until this month — six months after he sent an invitation to Ms. Bessant, explicitly asking that the meeting be held by August 10, the date marking the 20th anniversary of Ms. Bessant making the \$150 million commitment to Native Hawaiians on behalf of Bank of America. Furthermore, Governor Ige specifically asked that Ms. Bessant meet with Kehau Filimoe'atu, President of NPK. Ms. Bessant personally re-committed to the \$150 million in FHA-247 loans to Nā Po'e Kōkua and our kūpuna in 1998.

I look forward to hearing when this meeting has been scheduled.

October 23, 2018 Letter to Mr. Plepler Page 2

I am among the many members of our community who are wondering why it has taken six months for Bank of America to respond to our Governor with a meeting date – after 24 years of avoidance of this vital obligation to native Hawaiians in our state.

Sincerely,

Carmen Hulu Lindsay Maui Trustee

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**SR-32** 

Submitted on: 3/26/2019 6:37:28 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Present a Position Hearing		
Joanna Maile Pokipala	Individual	Support	No	

#### Comments:

Holding Bank of America Resposible

Thank you to the Hawaiian Affairs Committee for hearing SCR 45 and SR 32. I strongly support these Resolutions and all efforts to hold Bank of America accountable.

It is past time for Bank of America to fulfill its \$150 Million commitment to Native Hawaiians, which is now twenty years overdue and totals at least \$227.8 million in 2018 dollars.

In addition to providing the mortgages on Hawaiian Homelands as ordered by the Federal Reserve, we demand that Bank of America address the minimum \$360.6 million in lost opportunity costs for:

- 890 Native Hawaiian families who were not able to purchase homes and build equity during the twenty years since 1998, and further paid over \$147 million in additional rental costs,
- as well as those families who did receive mortgages but also experienced lost opportunity costs for up to 13 years after the Federal Reserve due date.

We further insist that Bank of America fulfill its \$30 million commitment for mortgages on Kauai for 150 residents, the cost of which now is \$81.5 million, as well as \$72.7 million in lost opportunity costs.

We therefore support NPK/HFLC and its efforts to reach a fair and final settlement with Bank of America and we strongly urge Cathy Bessant, who re-committed in-person in 1998 to BofA providing \$150 million in FHA-247 loans, to come to Hawaii to meet with NPK/HFLC, as invited by Hawaii's Governor Ige.

Once again, thank you for these Resolutions, which recognize that the rule of law should be applied to all and that corporate failure doesn't extinguish a legal obligation.

<u>SR-32</u> Submitted on: 3/26/2019 8:54:04 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Present a Position Hearing		
Josalind Akoi	Individual	Support	No	1

Comments:

## Testimony in support of Senate Resolution 32 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 45

SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S EFFORTS IN URGING THE BANK OF AMERICA TO RETURN TO HAWAII TO MEET WITH NA PO'E KOKUA AND THE HAWAII FAIR LENDING COALITION TO REACH A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO A \$150,000,000 LOAN COMMITMENT FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

#### COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair Senator Kaiali`i Kahele, Vice Chair

Hearing Date Thursday, March 28, 2019 1:15pm in Room 016

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

Thank you for hearing **SR 32 and SCR 45** supporting Governor David Y. Ige's invitation to Cathy Bessant to come to Hawai`i — as the Bank of America executive who recommitted to \$150 million in FHA-247 loans in 1998 — to meet with Kehau Filimoe`atu of Nā Po`e Kōkua / Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition (NPK/HFLC) "in order to reach a fair and final settlement of Bank of America's outstanding \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian people on their homelands."

#### I strongly support these resolutions.

In May 1994, as a condition of it approval of Bank of America's acquisition of Liberty Bank in Hawaii, the Federal Reserve ordered Bank of America to make \$150 million in **FHA-247 insured mortgages** on Hawaiian Home Lands by 1998.

I am attaching two documents that make the commitment clear. The first is pages 1, 5 and 6 from a **ten-page letter to the Federal Reserve from Bank of America Senior Counsel Patrick S. Antrim responding to the Federal Reserve's questions** on a conference call on May 13, 1994. The letter lists the following Federal Reserve question and Bank of America's response:

Question #4: Describe any special efforts in Hawaii to lend to Native Hawaiians and Filipinos, including product development, marketing, special staffing, cooperative efforts with specialized community organizations and government agencies, etc.

Answer: "Development of lots by DHHL will go hand-in-hand with Bank of America Hawaii's **commitment of \$150 million to the FHA 247 loan program.** See

Attachment o. <u>FHA 247 is only open to Native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust.</u> This is the largest commitment ever made to the program in Hawaii."

The second document is **pages 623 and 628 of the Complete Federal Reserve Bulletin, July 1994, dated May 31, 1994**. The Federal Reserve Order states:

"The program includes a four-year commitment to provide \$150 million in residential mortgage loans for native Hawaiians seeking housing on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands."

I am also attaching responsive documents and data that was sent to me from the **US Department of Housing and Urban Development on August 20, 2018** in response to a Freedom of Information Act request that I submitted. Included in the correspondence is "the total number of Federal Housing Administration -247 (FHA-247) mortgage loans originated annually from 1994 to 2018.)" I have attached the first two pages of the report, which show that Bank of America did not originate a single loan during the first two years of the 4-year commitment period, and originated just \$3 million by the 1998 deadline -- **\$147 million less** than ordered.

In order to facilitate understanding of the report, I am attaching a spreadsheet that shows the total number of loans originated by Bank of America FSB, Bank of America NA, and Bank of America Charlotte for the 24-year period between 1994 and 1998.

As the spreadsheet shows, Bank of America originated just over \$13 million in FHA-247 loans since 1994.

I understand that beginning in March 2007, Bank of America executives have repeatedly claimed that they have fulfilled the \$150 million commitment. The attached documents clearly demonstrate that these assertions have no basis in reality.

Thank you so much to the Hawaii State Senate for joining with the Governor and other leaders and citizens throughout our state to ensure that Bank of America is held accountable to the law and the Hawaiian people.

Sincerely,

Shay Chan Hodges

## Bank of America

Patrick S. Antrim Senior Counsel

Legal Department North 3017

May 16, 1994

Mr. Surjeet Sidhu
Senior Financial Analyst
Board of Governors of the
Federal Reserve System
20th & C Sts., NW
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Sidhu:

This letter responds to questions presented to us during our conference call on Friday, May 13, 1994. The questions are presented below in bold type, followed by our response.

1(a) Provide 1993 announced Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA") goals and results for BankAmerica Corporation ("BAC"), Bank of America NT&SA ("NT&SA"), and Bank of America, FSB ("FSB").

Attachment A contains information concerning 1993 CRA goals and results.

(b) Provide 1994 CRA goals and results year-to-date for BAC, NT&SA, and FSB.

Attachment B contains information concerning 1994 CRA goals and year-to-date results.

2. In the application to acquire Liberty Bank and responses to the subsequent protest procedures, FSB referred to specific loan products including Neighborhood Advantage, ABC, B\*A\*S\*I\*C, and consumer and small business lending programs. Provide for each program sponsored by Bank of America Hawaii the number of loans and the dollar amount (year-to-date) made in low-to-moderate income census tracts (i.e., those with

Mr. Surjeet Sidhu May 16, 1994 Page 5

As described previously, our Community Development Division office is providing a new source of financing for Hawaii's affordable housing market. However, it must be recognized that Hawaii's "affordable" housing problem is not a problem of credit when the basic cost of a single family home is over \$355,000 for the City and County of Honolulu (i.e., the island of Oahu), which holds 80% of the population for the state. Sixty one percent (61%) of land owned in the state is held by government or six large landed estates. Less than 5% of Hawaii's 4.1 million acres of land is zoned Urban or Rural, where most housing development can take place (See Attachment L, State of Hawaii Data Book. 1992).

Further evidence of this is provided in Attachment M, which is extracted from a study conducted by a group of public and private sector organizations—including the State of Hawaii and counties. Notice that none of the policy recommendations address lack of credit as a key component to mitigating the basic problems facing housing in Hawaii.

4. Describe any special efforts in Hawaii to lend to Native Hawaiians and Filipinos, including product development, marketing, special staffing, cooperative efforts with specialized community organizations and government agencies, etc.

Attachment N provides evidence of Bank of America Hawaii's efforts to assist the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and native Hawaiians to link up with Federal Government resources. These resources, coming from the Rural Electrification Administration ("REA"), would be used to develop crucial infrastructure necessary for the DHHL to meet its trust obligations to Native Hawaiians. Bank of America Hawaii has taken a leadership role in this area utilizing the expertise of its CRA Officer who served as Administrator for the REA, as well as Deputy Under Secretary for Agriculture for Small Community and Rural Development. No other financial institution in Hawaii has assisted DHHL in this way.

Development of lots by DHHL will go hand-in-hand with Bank of America Hawaii's commitment of \$150 million to the FHA 247 loan program. See Attachment O. FHA 247 is only open to Nativ. Hawaiian beneficiaries of the

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Hawaiian Home Lands trust. This is the largest commitment ever made to the program in Hawaii.

We are currently discussing the needs of twenty-two DHHL lessees on the "Kawaihae-Makai" site on the island of Hawaii. Discussions have taken place, the latest being in a meeting on Hawaii on May 12, 1994, with JoJo Tanimoto, president of the Kawaihae Homesteaders Association.

Bank of America Hawaii, through its CRA Officer, has also communicated with the State Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism ("DBEDT") in discussing creation of a special small business loan program for Kauai. In addition, Bank of America Hawaii is working with the DBEDT, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Hawaii Alliance for Community Based Economic Development to investigate the capitalization possibilities for a Community Development Financial Institution. (See Attachment P.)

Attachment O also highlights Bank of America Hawaii's grant program to encourage non-profit affordable housing capacity building for the Filipino community.

We also envision that our employment of "community lending specialists", as outlined in Attachment O, working specifically with the Hawaiian and Filipino communities will serve as an effective supplemental enhancement of marketing our programs and products to members of these groups.

Bank of America Hawaii also has bi-lingual Filipino and Chinese loan officers and branch managers on staff. And we also have numerous branch managers and loan officers of Hawaiian ancestry.

Currently, we are also working with Self-Help Corporation of Hawaii in providing home buyers education to Native Hawaiians. See Attachment P. Bank of America Hawaii took the lead in underwriting the cost of putting on the classes (\$10,000 grant), targeted to Native Hawaiians with Department of Hawaiian Home Land leases.

Bank of America Hawaii, as a committed member of the Nanakuli and Waianae communities, also has embarked on a partnership with the Nanakuli Neighborhood Housing

## Legal Developments

#### FINAL RULE—AMENDMENT TO REGULATION H

The Board of Governors is amending 12 C.F.R. Part 208, its Regulation H (Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System), to allow a state member bank that meets certain conditions to invest in its premises in an amount up to 50 percent of its Tier 1 capital without obtaining specific approval. The Board believes that a general approval for a state member bank to invest an amount not exceeding 50 percent of its Tier 1 capital is appropriate for a bank that meets those conditions. This action will significantly reduce the number of applications to invest in bank premises that are filed with the Board and will thereby reduce regulatory burden.

Effective June 30, 1994, 12 C.F.R. Part 208 is amended as follows:

Part 208—Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System (Regulation H)

1. The authority citation for part 208 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 36, 248(a), 248(c), 321–338a, 371d, 461, 481–486, 601, 611, 1814, 1823(j), 1828(o), 1831o, 1831p-1, 3105, 3310, 3331–3351, and 3906-3909; 15 U.S.C. 1(b), 1(g), 1(i), 78b, 78o-4(c)(5), 78q, 78q-1, and 78w; 31 U.S.C. 5318.

2. Section 208.22 is added to subpart A to read as follows:

Section 208.22—Investment in bank premises.

(a) Under Section 24A of the Federal Reserve Act, state member bank investments in bank premises or in the stock, bonds, debentures, or other such obligations of any corporation holding the premises of the bank, and loans on the security of the stock of such corporation, do not require the approval of the Board if the aggregate of all such investments and loans, together with the indebtedness incurred by any such corporation that is an affiliate of the bank (as defined in section 2 of the Banking Act of 1933, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 221a):

- (1) Does not exceed the capital stock account of the bank: or
- (2) Does not exceed 50 percent of the bank's Tier 1 capital and the bank:
  - (i) Is well capitalized as defined in section 208.33(b)(1) of this part;
  - (ii) Received a composite CAMEL rating of "1" or "2" as of its most recent examination by the relevant Federal Reserve Bank or state regulatory authority; and
  - (iii) Is not subject to any written agreement, cease and desist order, capital directive, or prompt corrective action directive issued by the Board or a Federal Reserve Bank.

ORDERS ISSUED UNDER BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT

Orders Issued Under Section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act

BankAmerica Corporation San Francisco, California

Order Approving Acquisition of a Bank

BankAmerica Corporation, San Francisco, California ("BankAmerica"), a bank holding company within the meaning of the Bank Holding Company Act ("BHC Act"), has applied under section 3 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. § 1842) to acquire Liberty Bank, Honolulu, Hawaii ("Liberty"), through a merger of Liberty into Bank of America, FSB, Portland, Oregon ("Bank of America FSB"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank-America, with Bank of America FSB surviving the merger.

Notice of the application, affording interested persons an opportunity to submit comments, has been published (58 Federal Register 67,411 (1993)). The time for filing comments has expired, and the Board has considered all comments received in light of the factors set forth in section 3(c) of the BHC Act.

Bank of America FSB recently announced a comprehensive program to enhance service to the native Hawaiian and Filipino communities. The program includes a four-year commitment to provide \$150 million in residential mortgage loans for native Hawaiians seeking housing on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. The bank also has appointed two community lending specialists to develop and implement outreach programs for the Hawaiian and Filipino communities, and has committed \$100,000 over three years for use by nonprofit organizations that provide affordable housing for Filipinos. In a separate program, the bank, through its community development division, has committed \$30 million over the next two years to Kauai County's efforts to build affordable housing in Kauai in the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki.25

In September 1993, Bank of America FSB launched its new business banking initiative, which focuses on lending to small businesses. In connection with this initiative, the bank established its Advantage Business Credit program which provides loans to small businesses in the amount of \$2,500 to \$100,000. In addition, the bank has committed \$650,000 to a new Hawaii Small Business Loan Program, which will provide loans guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (the "SBA").

In 1992, BankAmerica established corporate-wide CRA-related goals, committing to provide \$12 billion over a ten-year period for housing loans in low- and moderate-income census tracts and for lower-income and minority borrowers, funding for the development and long-term financing of low-income housing, consumer loans for lower-income households, and government-guaranteed and conventional small business loans.30 Bank of America FSB booked loans totalling approximately \$11 million as of September 30, 1993, representing 92 percent of its \$12 million 1993 goal under this corporate-wide initiative. The bank plans to double that goal in 1994.

Other Aspects of CRA Performance. The OTS found that Bank of America FSB's efforts to ascertain community credit needs generally have been successful considering the limited time that the bank has been in the Hawaiian market. The bank's CRA officer communicates with a variety of community-based and non-profit organizations, business organizations, and state governmental entities. Bank of America FSB has a formal call program in place, and its employees serve on the boards of organizations involved in the development of affordable housing in Hawaii. The bank has established an advisory board to inform its board of directors about local credit needs. This advisory board is composed of residents who are involved in local business, government and/or community activities.

Bank of America FSB has sponsored credit-education fairs with the International Credit Association, and "Better Home Shows" that include information on new affordable housing projects sponsored by the State of Hawaii. The bank also co-sponsored two events in 1993 relating to community-based and small business lending. These events were targeted to the native Hawaiian community.31

#### C. Record of Performance of Bank of America - California

The Board has carefully reviewed the 1992 and preliminary 1993 data filed by Bank of America - California under HMDA in light of the California Protestant's allegations that the bank does not lend to minorities, particularly Hispanics, and low- and moderate-income individuals in five counties in California.32 These data show that Bank of America - California does make loans to minorities and to residents of low- and moderate-income areas of San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced Counties.<sup>33</sup> In addition, the bank's originations to African-Americans and Hispanics and lowand moderate-income census tracts, as a percentage of total originations, met or exceeded the performance of its peers in 1992. Furthermore, Bank of America

<sup>29.</sup> Loans under this program will be offered at below market rates to projects serving low- and very-low-income families.

<sup>30.</sup> BankAmerica has allocated \$8 billion of this commitment to California, and \$4 billion to all other states.

<sup>31.</sup> The Hawaii Protestants have alleged that the outreach efforts of Liberty are targeted primarily to nonminorities. The FDIC's most recent CRA performance evaluation of Liberty found that diverse ethnic groups were targeted by advertisements in local media in various languages, including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog and Vietnamese. The FDIC also found that the bank demonstrated a strong record of helping to meet the credit needs of its entire community, and that mapping of loan activity indicated a reasonable penetration of all segments of the bank's community, including lowand moderate-income neighborhoods.

<sup>32.</sup> The California Protestant specifically alleges that Bank of America - California

<sup>(1)</sup> has "redlined" Hispanic individuals and businesses in Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Tuolumne and San Joaquin counties (the 'Target Counties''):

<sup>(2)</sup> has closed branches in downtown areas of the Target Counties that were accessible to minorities, particularly Hispanics;

<sup>(3)</sup> has not provided sufficient marketing to the Hispanic community; and

<sup>(4)</sup> has not provided sufficient assistance or other support to individuals and organizations working with the Hispanic community

<sup>33.</sup> For example, the bank made 35 mortgage loans to African-Americans and 227 mortgage loans to Hispanics in these three counties in 1992, and made 45 and 236 mortgage loans to African-Americans and Hispanics, respectively in these counties in 1993. Furthermore, in 1992 and 1993, the bank made 275 and 288 HMDArelated loans to low- and moderate-income census tracts in San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced Counties.

Madera and Tuolumne counties are located outside metropolitan statistical areas and, therefore, loans made to individuals in these counties are not separately reported under HMDA.

# OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON, DC 20410-0001

AUG 20 2018

Ms. Shay Chan Hodges 37 Puu Koa Place Haiku, HI 96708

RE:

Freedom of Information Act Request

FOIA Control No: 18-FI-HQ-01920

Dear Ms. Chan Hodges:

This letter is in response to your request dated and received on July 19, 2018, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). You requested a list of the total number of Federal Housing Administration-247 (FHA-247) mortgage loans originated annually from 1994 to 2018 (or the most recent year recorded). You also requested breakdowns of the number of mortgages by lender for each of the 24 years, as well as the total dollar amount of FHA-247 mortgages per year per lender.

Your request is granted in full. Enclosed is a list, from 1994 through June 30, 2018, that contains the mortgage loan information that you requested.

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone number, or Social Security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Howard Rosenberg at (202) 402-5507. Thank you for your interest in the Department's policies and programs.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Snowden

Deputy Chief FOIA Officer

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**Enclosures** 

	Α	В	С	D
1	FY Endorsed	Lender	Loans	Orig Mtge Amt
2				
3	1994	AMERICAN SAVINGS MORTGAGE CO INC	4	\$408,245
4	1994	FHB MORTGAGE CO INC	1	\$40,960
5	1994	GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY	28	\$2,314,301
6	1994	HMC FINANCIAL INC	2	\$155,388
7	1994	REALTY MORTGAGE CORP	14	\$943,858
8	1994	SOUTH PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORP	14	\$1,112,211
9	1994	U S BANCORP MORTGAGE COMPANY	2	\$223,169
10	1994	WESTERN PACIFIC MORTGAGE INC	1	\$70,843
11	TOTAL 1994		66	\$5,268,975
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13	1995	AMERICAN SAVINGS MORTGAGE CO INC	2	\$137,794
14	1995	FHB MORTGAGE CO INC	1	\$109,000
15	1995	GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY	7	\$576,201
16	1995	HAWAII INTERNATIONAL MTG INC	11	\$1,140,115
17	1995	HMC FINANCIAL INC	8	\$820,201
18	1995	HOMESTREET BANK	37	\$3,731,725
19	1995	LOANS INC	2	\$121,350
20	1995	MORTGAGE RESOURCES INC	5	\$462,086
21	1995	REALTY MORTGAGE CORP	18	\$1,549,273
22	1995	U.S. FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION	5	\$261,928
23	1995	WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FA NAMC	7	\$668,937
24	1995	WESTERN PACIFIC MORTGAGE INC	2	\$119,834
25	<b>TOTAL 1995</b>		105	\$9,698,444
26			203	75,050,444
27	1996	ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE INC	1	\$198,000
28	1996	AMERICAN SAVINGS MORTGAGE CO INC	5	\$466,144
29	1996	BANK OF AMERICA FSB	9	\$1,051,117
30	1996	FHB MORTGAGE CO INC	1	\$92,600
31	1996	FINANCE FACTORS LTD	7	\$856,341
32	1996	FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK	4	\$409,802
33	1996	GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY	1	\$79,966
34	1996	HAWAII INTERNATIONAL MTG INC	5	\$472,671
35	1996	HMC FINANCIAL INC	204	\$25,458,041
36	1996	HOMESTREET BANK	8	\$874,373
37	1996	ISLAND COMMUNITY LENDING CORPORATION	2	\$238,549
38	1996	LOANS INC	2	\$170,464
39	1996	MORTGAGE RESOURCES INC	7	\$676,003
40		SN AND ASSOCIATES INC	5	\$451,736
41		SOUTH PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORP	9	\$1,101,003
		U.S. FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION	26	\$2,067,140
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42 43	1996	WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FA NAME	10	
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-	1996	WESTERN PACIFIC MORTGAGE INC	10 2 3	\$237,047 \$275,873

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1	FY Endorsed	Lender	Loans	Orig Mtge Amt
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48	1997	AMERICAN SAVINGS MORTGAGE CO INC	14	\$1,634,407
49	1997	BANK OF AMERICA FSB	4	\$570,275
50	1997	BANK OF AMERICA NA	2	\$247,728
51	1997	BANK OF HAWAII	7	\$836,502
52	1997	FINANCE FACTORS LTD	4	\$501,010
53	1997	FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK	4	\$504,954
54	1997	GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY	1	\$107,767
55	1997	HMC FINANCIAL INC	7	\$751,020
56	1997	HOMESTREET BANK	59	\$6,448,119
57	1997	IRWIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION	1	\$157,827
58	1997	ISLAND COMMUNITY LENDING CORPORATION	10	\$866,843
59	1997	LEGACY MORTGAGE	2	\$261,950
60	1997	MORTGAGE RESOURCES INC	1	\$67,573
61	1997	PREFERRED FINANCIAL FUNDING IN	1	\$70,931
62	1997	SN AND ASSOCIATES INC	1	\$87,814
63	1997	SOUTH PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORP	8	\$943,175
64	1997	U.S. FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION	58	\$4,886,062
65	1997	WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FA NAMC	26	\$2,678,536
66	1997	WESTERN PACIFIC MORTGAGE INC	2	\$309,265
67	<b>TOTAL 1997</b>	,	212	\$21,931,758
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69	1998	AMERICAN SAVINGS MORTGAGE CO INC	3	\$346,444
70	1998	BANK OF AMERICA FSB	7	\$819,629
71	1998	BANK OF AMERICA NA	4	\$420,753
72	1998	BANK OF HAWAII	7	\$548,120
73	1998	COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS INC	7	\$627,555
74	1998	FINANCE FACTORS LTD	31	\$3,993,788
75	1998	FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK	10	\$1,076,943
76	1998	HOMESTREET BANK	47	\$5,424,175
77	1998	INTERNATIONAL SAVINGS ALA LTD	6	\$496,426
78	1998	IRWIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION	1	\$77,850
79	1998	ISLAND COMMUNITY LENDING CORPORATION	35	\$2,879,379
80	1998	MORTGAGE STORE INC	1	\$115,737
81	1998	PREFERRED FINANCIAL FUNDING IN	3	\$257,286
82	1998	SOUTH PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORP	1	\$111,792
83	1998	U.S. FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION	82	\$6,696,294
84	1998	WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK FA NAMC	12	\$1,438,261
85		WESTERN PACIFIC MORTGAGE INC	2	\$135,814
86		WESTERN STATES MORTGAGE CORP	1	\$126,168
87	TOTAL 1998		260	\$25,592,414

#### **Bank of America FHA-247 Loans**

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	Bank	of America FSB	Bank of An	nerica NA	Bank of An	nerica Charlotte				
1994	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
1995	\$ \$ \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
1996	\$	1,051,117.00					\$	1,051,117.00		9
1997	\$	570,275.00	\$	247,728.00			\$	818,003.00		6
1998		819,629.00	\$	420,753.00			\$	1,240,382.00		11
1999	\$ \$	3,631,174.00			\$	296,460.00	\$	3,927,634.00		38
2000	\$	106,297.00			\$	1,719,212.00	\$	1,825,509.00		16
2001					\$	244,758.00	\$	244,758.00		2
2002							\$	-		0
2003							\$	-		0
2004							\$	-		0
2005							\$	-		0
2006							\$	-		0
2007							\$	-		0
2008							\$	-		0
2009					\$	369,678.00	\$	369,678.00		3
2010					\$	1,471,423.00	\$	1,471,423.00		10
2011					\$	2,143,810.00	\$	2,143,810.00		11
2012							\$	-		
2013							\$	-		
2014							\$	-		
2015							\$	-		
2016							\$	-		
2017										
2018										
Subtotals	\$	6,178,492.00	\$	668,481.00	\$	6,245,341.00				
TOTAL			1994-2018				\$	13,092,314.00		106
			1994-1998		\$	3,109,502.00				



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Testimony for HWN on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Ian Chan Hodges	Individual	Comments	Yes

Comments:

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator Kaiali`i Kahele, Vice Chair

**Comments relating to Senate Resolution 32** 

**Hearing Date** 

Thursday, March 28, 2019 1:15pm in Room 016

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

I welcome the opportunity to offer comments at the hearing relating to Bank of America's unfullilled Hawaiian commitments.

Mahalo,

Ian Chan Hodges



Testimony in support of Senate Resolution 32 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 45
SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S EFFORTS IN URGING THE BANK OF AMERICA TO RETURN TO
HAWAII TO MEET WITH NA PO'E KOKUA AND THE HAWAII FAIR LENDING COALITION TO REACH
A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO A \$150,000,000 LOAN COMMITMENT FOR NATIVE
HAWAIIANS ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair Senator Kaiali`i Kahele, Vice Chair

> Hearing Date Thursday, March 28, 2019 1:15pm in Room 016

## Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee:

Thank you for hearing the resolutions supporting the Governor's efforts to back Maui based Nā Po'e Kōkua's work with the Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition to reach a settlement agreement with Bank of America. I believe that Bank of America should be held accountable and I support SR 32 and SCR 45.

I began serving as the Director of Housing and Human Concerns for Maui County in 1998 — the year that Bank of America's Hawaiian commitment should have been fulfilled. I currently hold the County Council seat for the Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū residency area. The impact of Bank of America's failure to fulfill its commitment over the past two decades has had a very direct impact on the Wai'ehu Kou and Paukukalo Hawaiian Homestead communities that I represent.

Please find attached a letter I wrote on October 5, 2018 to Cathy Bessant, Chief Operations and Technology Officer of Bank of America, urging her to come to Hawaii to meet with Kehau Filimoe`atu, President of Nā Po`e Kōkua to reach a fair and final settlement of Bank of America's unfulfilled \$150 Million commitment to FHA-247 mortgages, as requested by Governor David Ige last April.

I received no response to my letter from anyone at Bank of America and I understand that Ms. Bessant has not responded to the Governor's invitation either.

It is my hope that Ms. Bessant will see this hearing as a catalyst to respond to the questions that are being raised throughout Hawaii about Bank of America's unfulfilled commitment and that she makes the decision to return to Hawaii to bring resolution to this matter.

As you may know, the Maui County Council unanimously passed a similar Resolution addressing Bank of America's unfulfilled commitment on November 2, 2018. And on March 8, 2019, I voted with all of my colleagues to refer the issue of Bank of America's outstanding

\$150 million commitment to Maui County Council's Government, Ethics and Transparency Committee.

I am gratified to see the Hawaii State Senate, Maui County Council, and Governor coming together in seeking a resolution to this important issue.

Alice Lee

ALICE L. LEE P.O. Box 1606 Kahului, Hi. 96733 Tel. 808 280 -0035

October 24, 2018

Catherine P. Bessant Chief Operations and Technology Officer Bank of America 100 North Tryon St. Charlotte, NC 28255

Dear Ms. Bessant:

I am writing in support of Governor David Y. Ige's invitation to you to come to Hawaii, as the executive who recommitted to the \$150 million in FHA-247 loans in 1998, to meet specifically with Kehau Filimoe'atu President of Na Po'e Kokua (NPK), in order to reach a fair and final settlement of Bank of America's outstanding \$150 million commitment to the Hawaiian people. NPK and the Hawaii Fair Lending Coalition secured the commitment in 1994 and NPK/HFLC have been advocating for Bank of America to meet this obligation for the last twenty four years.

According to responsive information from HUD on all FHA-247 lending from 1994 to date, Bank of America has originated just over \$13 million in FHA-247 loans, far short of the \$150 million ordered by federal banking regulators.

I realize that the complexities of this issue have increased exponentially over time but a settlement is desperately and urgently needed, thus, substantive conversations need to begin now.

Your assistance and collaboration will play a key role in bringing a fair and equitable closure to this incredibly important matter which will affect the lives of hundreds of families and individuals in Hawaii.

Please feel free to contact me at aliceleehawaii@gmail.com should you have any questions or comments.

Alice L. Lee

(former Director of Housing and Human Concerns, County of Maui 1998-2006)